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NPA rebels spring 7 comrades from jail



COMMUNIST guerrillas proved this provincial jail isn't impregnable.

Take leave, PNP chief urged



Pimentel: Verzosa must not engage in cover-up

DIRECTOR GENERAL JESUS Verzosa of the Philippine National Police must go on leave while being investigated by the PNP itself in connection with the undeclared 105,000 euros (P6.9 million) that airport authorities in Moscow had seized from a PNP official, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. yesterday said.

Divers recover 12 bodies from sunken ferry

IT WASN'T A PRETTY SIGHT. SOME limbs had been detached. Flesh was decomposing. Still, several bodies remained intact.



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'Ex-Speaker's hedging on impeachment case casts doubt on his credibility'

By TJ Burgonio and Christian V. Esguerra

AFTER BELITTLING THE IMPEACHMENT COMplaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo, Malacañang officials are now questioning the credibility of its latest endorser—former Speaker Jose de Venecia.



Senators split on validity of Bolante arrest order

By Christine O. Avendaño

Inquirer man wins top prize

Low press freedom rating 'a matter of perception'

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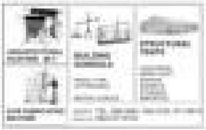
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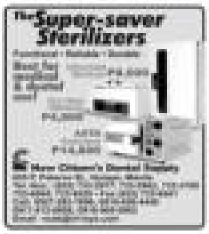
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PNP chief awaiting report

Not exempt from probe

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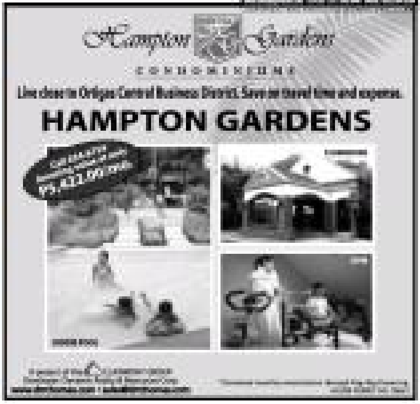
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Credible decision

Inhibition

No logic





Shedding light on The DARKNESS of MERALCO

The Government Service Insurance System has remained steadfast in its advocacy to bring to the open the unconscionable acts of Meralco, amidst the incessant smear campaign against the GSIS because of its opposition to the high cost of electricity.

Despite tremendous efforts by certain parties to sweep these Meralco issues under the rug, the GSIS has not wavered in its commitment. GSIS will not stop from showing to the public what it is fighting for.

THE TRUTH

- Meralco charges the highest electricity rates in the country

Based on these figures, Meralco charges at least 30% more than other power distributors in the country.

Charges per kwh

	Residential Rate	Regular Commercial Rate
MERALCO	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cebu	[illegible]	[illegible]
Davao	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dagupan	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Fernando	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bacolod	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cagayan de Oro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bohol	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Source: [illegible]

The irony is that Meralco is the biggest power distributor in the Philippines, accounting for 60% of power produced in the country, with 4.4 million customers. Therefore, by the principle of economies of scale and volume discounts, instead of being 30% more expensive than the rest of the country, **Meralco rates should instead be at least 30% lower.**

This is why we cannot understand why Meralco had been granted further rate increase by the ERC when the company already charges the highest electricity rates in the country. To even further increase its already high rates is tantamount to rubbing salt in the wound of the public.

- Exorbitant rentals of the Meralco 'preferred' IPP plants at P20 billion a year

The ERC must review the Build-Operate-Own contracts of the Meralco with its "preferred" IPPs, which are onerous and unconscionable, as the IPPs charge rental fees to Meralco at the rate of at least P1.30/kwh or an average of **P20 billion** a year, which are passed on to consumers.

Here are the rental fees being charged by the Meralco's 'preferred' IPPs

Meralco IPPs	Quezon Power	First Gas Sta. Rita	First Gas San Lorenzo
Capacity fees as of July 2008	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

These rental fees are oppressive, unconscionable, and runs counter to the provisions in the Meralco franchise, which compels it to distribute power to its captive market "in the least cost manner." Meralco does not have the right to pass on to the consuming public the rental fees charged by the IPP plants which adds to the already high generation cost.

. UNREGULATED PRICING MECHANISM OF THE 'PREFERRED' IPPs

We urge ERC to review the power generation costs charged by the "preferred" IPPs to the public. The costs have been increasing the past few months at a staggering rate --without prior approval by the ERC.

The table below will show that among the power suppliers of Meralco, the generation cost of the "preferred" IPPs is 50% higher than that of Napocor.

Source	PHP/ kwh
NPC	[illegible]
Quezon	[illegible]
Sta Rita	[illegible]
San Lorenzo	[illegible]

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SMOKESCREEN

The GSIS has been bombarded in the media by well orchestrated and well funded advertisements and press releases by certain groups. This smear campaign involves nothing but rehashed issues to discredit GSIS and divert public anger away from the Meralco issue.

We strongly believe this has everything to do with our continuous staunch opposition to the excessive power rates charged by Meralco.

We deplore the use of paid advertisements and press releases by these groups in order to muddle the issue.

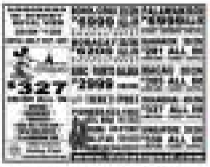
JOIN OUR FIGHT...THE FIGHT OF 4.4 MILLION MERALCO CUSTOMERS

We strongly urge lawmakers and consumer groups to be one with us and stand up because all of us are suffering from these exorbitantly high and continuously increasing electricity rates charged by Meralco.

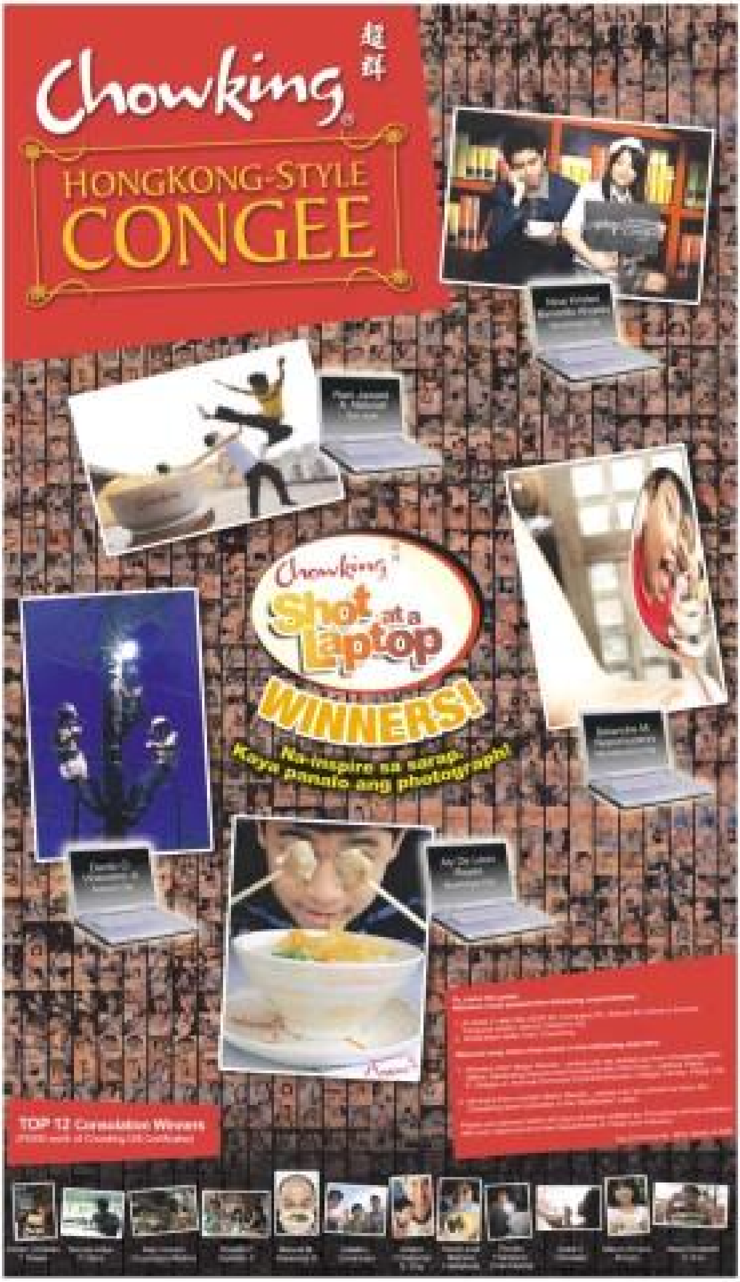
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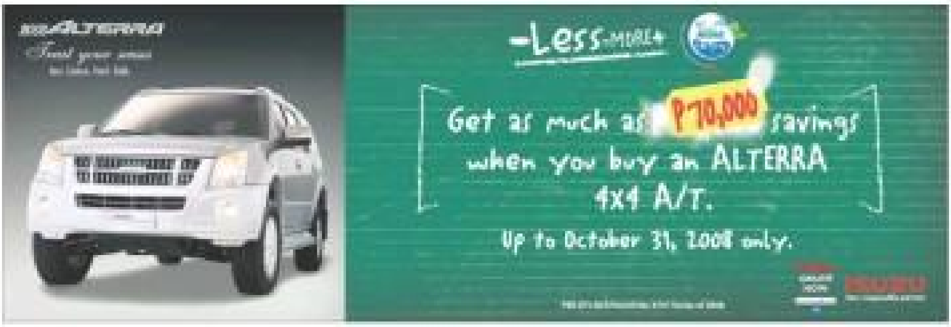
Amidst this advocacy the GSIS is pursuing, the GSIS assures its members and pensioners that it will not lose sight of its commitment to provide adequate benefits and responsive service to its stakeholders.

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Divers recover 12 bodies from sunken ferry

Many more bodies inside

3-week operation

DNA samples

Mass, floral offering

In crisis, Pinoy sailors assured of jobs at sea

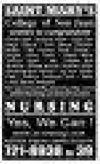
























'Gloom only in media'



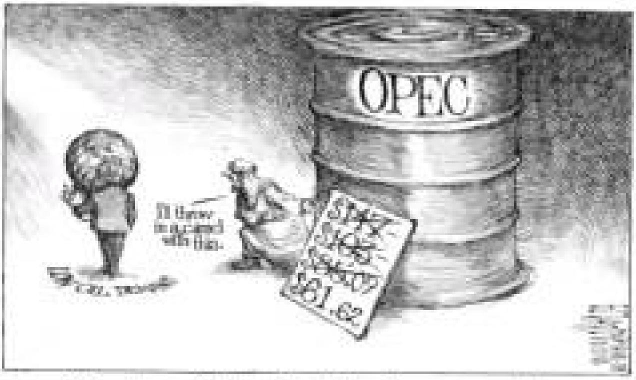


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Oil prices falling but Meralco rates rising

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Another look at the reproductive health bill

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Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.

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The moral vote

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO



Antonio J. Montalvan II

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Bolante's great escape

THE LONG VIEW



Manuel L. Quezon III

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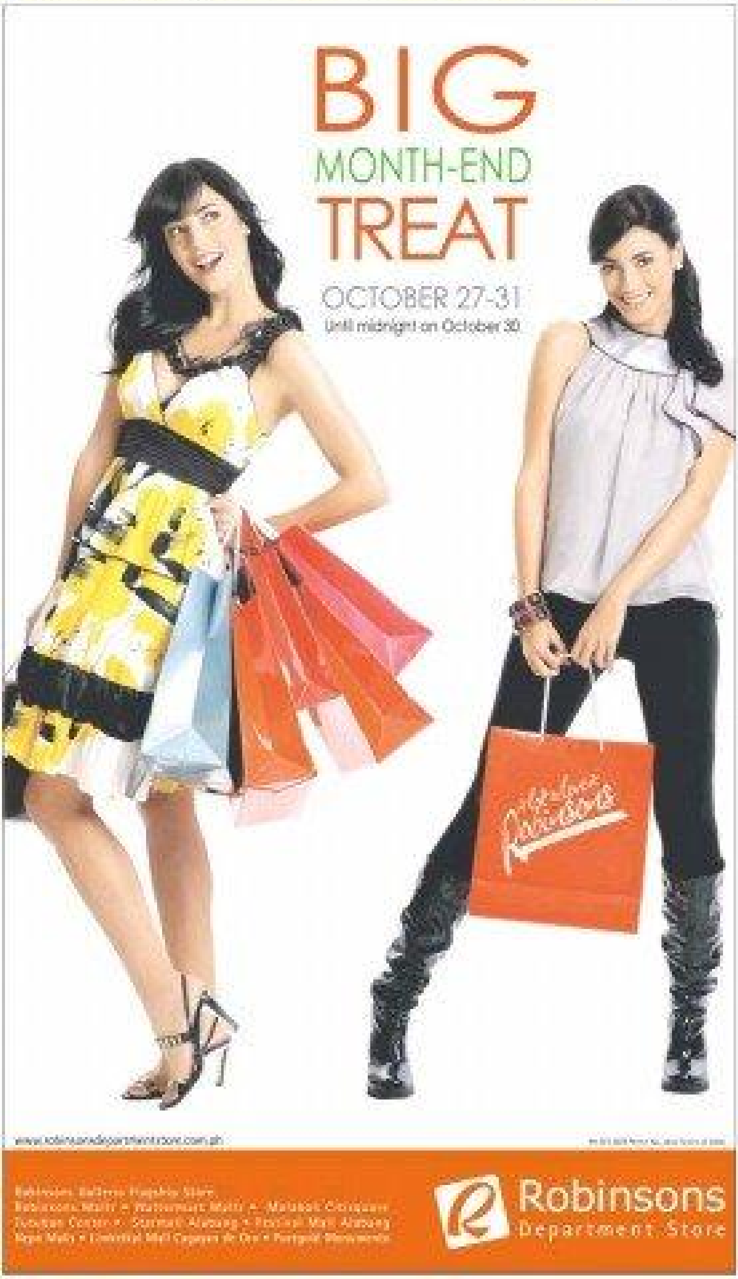
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Mahogany, narra for food, anyone?

Calapan to correct error in senior citizens' IDs

LRTA insensitive to PWDs



Investors hope for rate cut, brace for bleaker data

Currency volatility

Deeper losses elsewhere

Unrelentingly gloomy

Yardsticks of recession

Duration of recession

GMA wants quicker Asian action on financial crisis

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Doubts about quick action

Reform global financial system







NPA rebels spring 7 comrades from jail

Prisoners expected assault

Police intelligence lapses

Wardens, guards relieved

WHAT WENT BEFORE

Across the NATION

Suspected Esperat slay brains at large

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—THE SUSPECTED masterminds in the 2005 murder of journalist Marlene Esperat remain at large despite the warrants issued by a court last week for their arrest.

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THE PUERTO Princesa Subterranean River is currently No. 1 in an online poll for the new seven wonders of the world.

Puerto site's bid for wonders title gets boost

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Additional votes

[illegible]

Obama's tribe

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Microsoft exec draws inspiration for OFW program from Filipino maid

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

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> "They say endless I love you's to each other..."

Tulay centers

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Death no obstacle

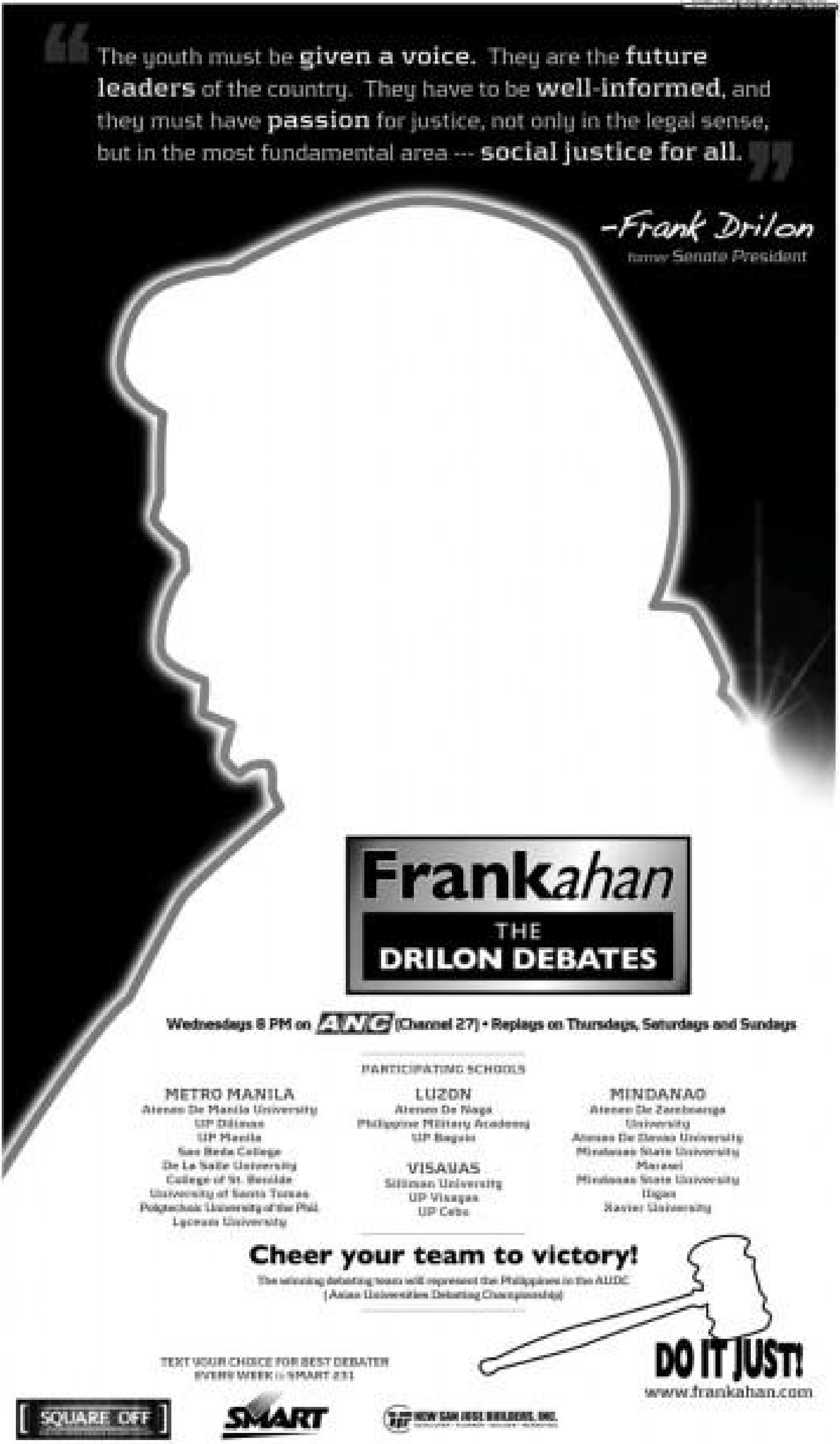
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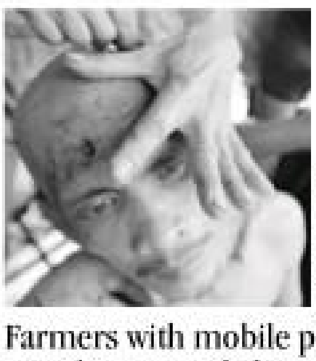
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Vizcaya folk see crisis as ally vs mining



Farmers with mobile phones seen key to good climate data

Late SPORTS

Tigers, Giants rip foes

Asi shines as Duremdes logs first coaching win



A plus METRO
Editor Ruben D. Dipasupil

DID YOU KNOW

FOUND on the 25-kilometer Pasig River is an island called Isla de Convalecencia (Island of Convalescence). This is where Hospicio de San Jose, an institution for orphans, abandoned children and the elderly, is located.

—Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

TRAGEDY AT PAYATAS MARKET

3 dead, 5 hurt in road mishap

By Julie M. Aurelio

THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED—including a 4-year-old girl—while five others were hurt when a jeep plowed into a market in Payatas, Quezon City, on Saturday night.

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Residents seek probe of ₱378M barangay funds

By Marlon Ramos

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Alert worker stops group of robbers in Pasig

By DJ Yap



NOT ENOUGH STREET LIGHTS ON PANAY AVENUE

METRO Citizen's call

Thanks for newly paved road

Traffic aides waiting for victims

Dump moved to new site?

METROBRIEFS

Robbers take P107,000 from school paper staff

1 dead, 1 hurt in attack

The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence R. Bueno

IMF chief guilty of 'serious error of judgment' in affair

But board accepts his apologies, lets him keep job

WASHINGTON—INTERNATIONAL MONETARY Fund head Dominique Strauss-Kahn kept his job on Saturday after an investigation into his affair with an IMF economist, but was scolded by fund directors for "a serious error of judgment."



STRAUSS-KAHN AP

Based on an independent external inquiry the IMF executive board said it had "concluded that there was no harassment, favoritism, or any other abuse of authority by the managing director.

"Nevertheless, the executive board noted that the incident was regrettable and reflected a serious error of judgment," it said in a statement.

In a teleconference with the press, IMF executive director Shakour Shaalan said that the board had unanimously accepted Strauss-Kahn's apologies and that it would continue to work with him.

"The mood of the board was very, very positive," he said after it met on Saturday on the case. "The conclusion was that this in any case affects the effectiveness of the managing director."

"The managing director is very committed to carrying out his job. This was an unfortunate incident, the board has accepted his apologies."

Shaalan acknowledged that many in the IMF staff, especially women, "are not at all happy" with Strauss-Kahn's behavior.

"The managing director has expressed his regrets. I don't think that we can ask him to do more at this time," he said.

"We will continue to work with him. If there is some confidence that has been lost, he will regain it very soon."

Strauss-Kahn, 59, considered one of the preeminent European political figures on economic matters, was appointed in September 2007 to head the IMF and help reform the institution.

The French former political star earlier admitted he had an extramarital affair with Hungarian-born economist Piroska Nagy, but denied that he had harassed her and rejected suggestions she was given a more generous severance package than merited when she left the IMF in August.

But the sex scandal cast doubt within and outside the key global institution on Strauss-Kahn's judgment, breaking just as the IMF confronts the world's deepest financial meltdown since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The fund spent much of the past two weeks fielding desperate pleas for help from several countries including Iceland, Belarus and Pakistan, and calls from major developed countries to take a leading role in coordinating the response to the crisis.

In a statement on Saturday Strauss-Kahn said he had apologized to the board, IMF staff and his family for his behavior.

"I agree with the statement made by the executive board today in concluding its inquiry," Strauss-Kahn said.

"I very much regret the incident and I accept responsibility for it," he said.

He added that he is "committed, going forward, to uphold the high standards that are expected of this position."

According to the outside inquiry into the affair, which involved 20 interviews including with the key people involved, he engaged in "a consensual physical relationship of short duration" with Nagy in January 2008.

The inquiry, by Washington law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, found no evidence either that Strauss-Kahn had offered or arranged for work-related benefits to Nagy, or that he had threatened her in any way.

It said Nagy, who left the IMF to depart to join the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, had insisted that she made the decision to leave on her own and left as a part of the IMF's ongoing voluntary separation program. The fund slashed some 600 positions at the time. AFP

WORLDBRIEFS

Australia may cut immigration amid crisis

SYDNEY—Australia may cut the flow of immigrants into the nation if unemployment rises in the face of the global financial crisis, a Cabinet minister said on Sunday. Immigration Minister Chris Evans said the government would wait until the release in November of mid-year financial data before deciding on whether to reduce numbers. "Clearly if the demand for labor comes off you'd adjust the migration program accordingly," he told Nine Network television. Around 190,000 immigrants are expected to move to Australia in 2008/09, with skilled workers accounting for most places as the country battles chronic labor shortages in some sectors.

AFP

Fourth of Beijing infants fed tainted milk

BEIJING—Nearly one quarter of Beijing families have fed their children milk contaminated with the industrial chemical melamine, state press reported on Sunday, in an indication of the scale of the tainted milk scandal that has rocked the country. More than 74,000 of nearly 300,000 households questioned in the capital said their children were fed the products before they were taken off the shelves, the Beijing Times reported. So far at least four infants have died in China, and 53,000 sickened across the country, from drinking milk tainted with melamine.

AFP

Briton, S. African shot dead by Afghan guard

KABUL—A Briton and a South African shot dead in Kabul were killed by one of their company's guards, who then committed suicide, interior ministry officials said on Sunday. The Westerners—the head and deputy head of the Afghanistan branch of the national shipping company DHL—were killed early Saturday as their vehicle pulled up outside their offices the city center. "One of the security guards that was standing in front of the company opened fire on the chief and deputy of DHL," interior ministry spokesman Zemarai Bashary said. "After killing those people, he killed himself with the bullet under his chin."

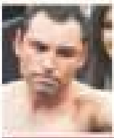
AFP

Italian left marches in Rome against Berlusconi

ROME—Hundreds of thousands of Italians marched through Rome on Saturday to protest against Silvio Berlusconi's conservative government, which the left accuses of fiddling with fascism. Opposition leader Walter Veltroni, who lost to Berlusconi in an April election, addressed a crowd at Rome's ancient chariot track Circus Maximus which organizers put at 2.5 million. No official estimate of turnout was immediately available. But both the left and right in Italy often hold mass demonstrations with hundreds of thousands arriving in the capital from all over the country. "Let's imagine a new Italy together. Italy is possible and we will build it together," Veltroni told supporters who waved Democratic Party flags. One banner read in English: "Italy is not only Berlusconi."

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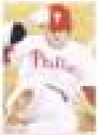


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Pucay in top 10 anew



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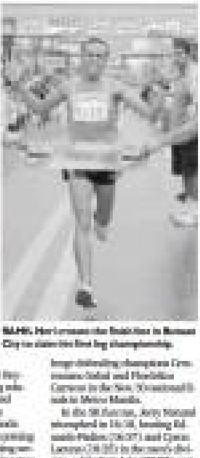


Pagulayan, Orcollo fall in s'finals

Four new sparkplugs for Magnolia quintet

BUTUAN ELIMS

Neri, Miranda nail Milo 21K victories



Why RP is making waves in world billiards

CLEAN LIVING



Cebu's Siso bags fifth straight national junior tennis crown





Binarao stirs Taguig

Dumaguete clouters rally to fluster Cebuanos

By Marc Anthony Reyes

SBC Alabang tossers, Miriam cagebelles rule

All quiet on Hoya front



DE LA HOYA Feeling tired?

SPORTS WATCH

SJC Rambulan resumes today

Makati Bulldog derby unfolds

SPORTS

Phillies take 2-1 lead vs Rays

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RP under-19 booters off to Malaysian tilt

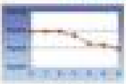
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Stock Market

Volatile trading seen



MARKETS B2

Cites healthy supply of dollars

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE UNABATED SELLDOWN OF PHILIPPINE STOCKS, BONDS and currencies given the worst financial meltdown seen in the United States and Europe in 80 years is "not warranted," the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said.

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Uniform tax for cigarettes pushed

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The real estate puzzle

No Free Lunch
Cielito F. Habito

AMID OUR ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN since the start of the year even well before the US financial meltdown ensued, there is one industry that has defied the general trend, even doing better this year so far compared to last year's performance. The real estate sector grew almost 22 percent in the first half of the year, even improving on its 20-percent growth in the same period last year. In stark contrast, industries that had been zooming with double-digit growth in recent years, especially communication and finance, struggled with a mere 3.6- and 2.6-percent growth in the second quarter of 2008. Even mining, which had also been posting double-digit growth rates up to as recently as the first quarter of this year, saw a dramatic reversal to a double-digit decline (i.e., negative growth) of -18.3 percent.

But in real estate, the upbeat mood appears to continue even up to now, US meltdown and all, which I witnessed first hand recently when I spoke before a group of property developers. This is truly one bright spot in our economy right now, with growth even accelerating against all odds. This seeming puzzle moved me to do some informal research by asking friends in the know just to understand exactly what is going on.

Unmet needs

Even before, I had been telling my audiences that there are two basic reasons that may explain why demand for the products of the real estate industry as a whole continues to be high. One, there has traditionally and persistently been a tremendous unmet need for low- to medium-income housing in this country. The preponderance of informal settlers [illegible] in populous areas of our country is our constant reminder of this unmet basic need in our society. Government has constantly lagged behind the growing need for mass housing, even as it has committed to addressing this unmet basic need as a government priority. Thus, anything that makes such housing more accessible (e.g., the OFW phenomenon, or easier housing loan terms) would translate to rising demand for houses, and hence rising production figures in the real estate industry.

And then there is the brisk demand for office space from the [illegible] industry, the new name for what's been commonly known as BPO (business process outsourcing), including call center operations. Demand here is projected to continue growing even in the face of a US economy slowdown or recession. This is because cuts in outsourcing by US (and European) firms who are already outsourcing business operations to us would be offset by new business from other companies not previously outsourcing who are now driven to outsource, precisely to cope with their overall economic slowdown.

Store of wealth

But there's more to explain the seeming puzzle. Bank of Philippine Islands president Aurelio Montinola told me that BPI continues to show encouraging figures for their housing loans. He points out that unlike Westerners who have an array of options to store their wealth in, Filipinos are basically limited to three things: Cash (whether kept under the mattress or in banks), stocks (including bonds, mutual funds and trust accounts) and land (more generally real estate, including condo units). When times are hard and inflation is high, people prefer not to hoard cash. Right now, the volatility in the stock markets also drives the wealth-based away from financial investments. And so, those with spare wealth are running to real property, which Filipinos have always perceived to be the best store of wealth.

Ayala Land is indeed feeling this drive to acquire lands and condos, which I gathered in discussions with its president, Jaime Ayala, and vice president, Art Corpuz. Even then, both think there will have to be an inevitable slowdown induced by the US meltdown, but this is more of a prudent forecast rather than actual experience as of now. For now, the brisk demand, about a third of which comes from overseas Filipinos, is in the P2-8 million property category, essentially the upper middle-income market.

Low-income boost

But the figures are even better this year for the lower-income housing market as well, according to Pag-IBIG Fund president Romero Quimbo. He attributes this seeming boom-amid-adversity experience of Pag-IBIG to the reduction in the interest rates they effected since June last year, when on the guidance of the Vice President who is also the government's housing czar, interest rates on their housing loans were lowered from 12 to 7 percent. According to Quimbo, this has almost cut in half the monthly amortization for a P750,000 house from P8,000-9,000 to just P4,000-5,000. This appears to have made housing much more accessible to the lower end of the market, and has translated to much better figures for Pag-IBIG this year than in past years. The good thing about this against-the-tide surge in housing, whether in the lower or middle-income levels, is that this sector has traditionally been known to have one of the strongest multiplier effects on the rest of the economy.

Will this good performance of real estate hold up even if the US goes into full-fledged recession? While it's prudent to expect the worst, this industry has so far defied the trends, and from the explanations I've heard, it's not a fluke.

Comments welcome at cielito@[illegible]

Volatile trading seen

From page B1

5.8 percent after the British economy shrank for the first time since 1992.

South Korea's Kospi index sank 11 percent as the country's economy grew at the slowest pace in four years. Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange suspended trading until next week.

"This week, we expect the major markets abroad to remain volatile. This may put pressure on local share prices as investors are still risk averse," Alli Capital Securities said in a weekly note to clients.

The brokerage also said that from a technical analysis viewpoint, the market has reached levels that may lure investors to hunt for bargains.

"Although these developments may well be a good setup for a bear market rally, trade setups are expected to be short lived and should be used as opportunities to sell," Alli Capital wrote. *Elizabeth Sanchez-[illegible]*



Uniform ...

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single excise tax rate on cigarettes because the current system was too complicated and difficult to administer.

There are four tax brackets for cigarettes based on prices:

- P2.23 a pack (for cigarettes with net retail price of below P5 a pack)
- P6.71 a pack (for those costing between P5 and P6.50)
- P13.44 a pack (for those costing between P6.50 and P10)
- P20.56 a pack (for those costing more than P10)

Beltran said that with a uniform rate, tax administration would be easier. A single tax system helps encourage tax compliance and therefore shores up tax collection, the finance official said.

The complexity of the cigarette tax structure was one factor blamed for shortfalls in excise tax collection in the past.

But while the bill seeks uniformity, it does not allow a reduction of current tax rates that are already higher than the rates being proposed in the bill. This means that cigarette brands currently imposed a tax of, say P28 a pack, cannot have its tax reduced to P8 in 2009 and P14 in 2010.

The P8 and the P14 rates cited in the proposed bill cover only cigarettes packed by machines, which are the most common type.

Cigarettes packed by hand, according to the proposed bill, will be levied an excise tax of P2.47 a pack on the first year, and the rate will increase every year commensurate with inflation.

The draft bill also said cigars will be taxed P200 a piece on the first year, and the rate will increase annually thereafter by an amount equal to the product's inflation.





Treasury urged to issue more bond warrants

Protection for local banks

Atlas extends term of $20-M loan

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COA audit on Meralco seen done by January

Probe limited to rate-related issues

By Abigail L. Ho

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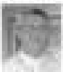












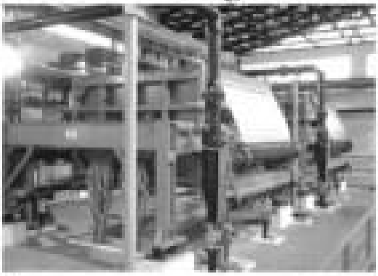
MABUHAY VINYL CORPORARION

New state-of-the-art plant rises in Iligan City

Publicly listed Mabuhay Vinyl Corporation (MVC) marks another milestone in its 45-year history with the inauguration of a new state-of-the-art Ion Exchange Membrane (IEM) 2 Plant in Iligan City to boost its production of chemical products that support various local industries.



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Invest for long term, Philam tells clients

Selling now not a good move, fund says

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Coco exports slid in Sept.

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INFOTECH

Sony unveils flagship digital SLR



By Charles E. Buban

PROFESSIONAL photographers are quite a finicky lot, never easily swayed by a brand name, and will sometimes go down hard on well known manufacturers if they get some things wrong.

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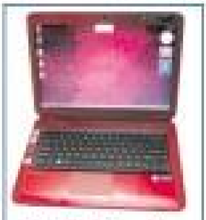
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Notebooks fit for boncbos



By Raquel P. Gomez

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Ayala Land Tops Euromoney Real Estate Poll 2008

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European search engine takes on US

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Despite slump, Yahoo plans new operations

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Lonely spacemen may turn to computers for solace

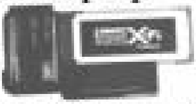
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Mining prospects in RP attract Hyundai

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By Amy R. Remo

RP exports to Japan up 5.4%

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Business Features Editor
Margie Quimpo-Espino

Financial crisis for dummies

Know the oft-repeated terms that affect your money

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Felicito C. Payumo

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Slowdown

Loss of jobs

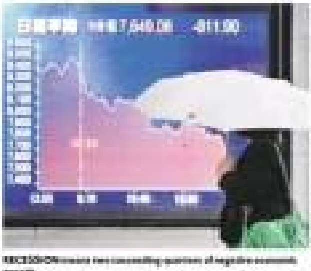
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Financial crisis for dummies



STOCKS are shares of ownership in a company.



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Dissecting the glass ceiling

WORKPLACE WISDOM

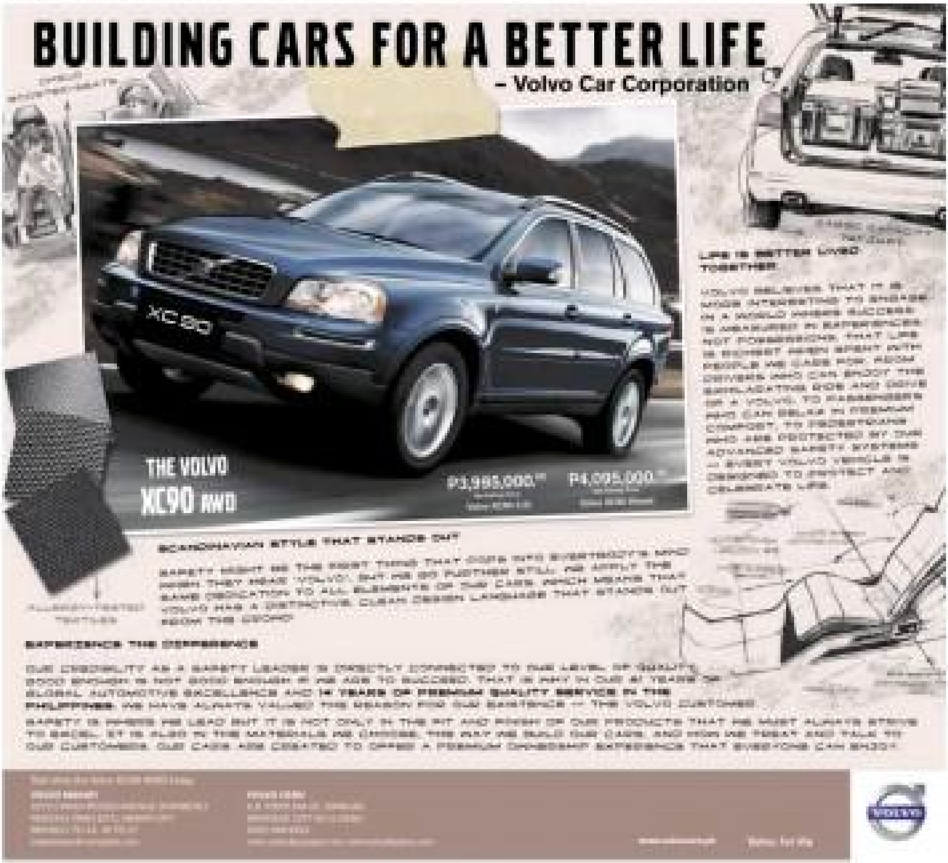
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BUSINESS *Monday*



JOLLIBEE'S Gold Tuason

Not everybody's doing bad these days

While some firms are doing bad, there are also winners. So far, these include fast food chains and repair, service shops.



SHAKEY'S chief Vic Gregorio

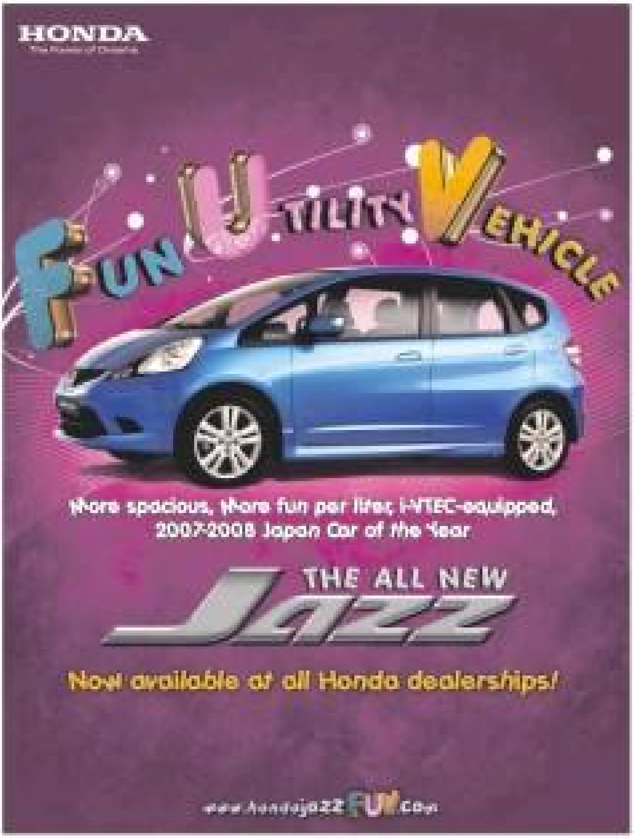
By Margie Quimpo-Espino

THIS NOTION IS NOT new—when times are bad consumers downscale.

Fast food, cheap food

Fix it up, buy used

Ads down, PR, events up



Fast-food chain helps abused women, artists, inmates



Not everybody's doing bad . . .









Impact of financial crisis on Asian consumers



RESEARCH SHOWS

Execs not talking to staff about financial crisis

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Charity begins at home

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LIFESTYLE Arts & Books





A new book explains the impact of the figurative expressionist on Philippine art and culture





The world of Onib Olmedo

A BOOK ON THE late artist Onib Olmedo, "Dimensions of Depth" by Alice G. Guillermo, will be formally launched at Power-Books in Greenbelt 4, Makati, on Nov. 8, 5 p.m. The book is a publication of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

"Dimensions of Depth" features a critical analysis of Onib Olmedo's significant works spanning his entire career from 1969-1996. Written by a respected art critic, the book describes Olmedo as a landmark Filipino artist of the 20th century who has played a major role in the history of Philippine art, exerting vast influence on a whole new generation of artists who have produced works that have been patently inspired by Olmedo's distinctive brand of figurative expressionism.

The book also features 47 photographs of the artist's finest paintings representing various periods in his artistic career, classified into the following categories: early works; still-life paintings and interiors; mobility (referring to vehicles like jeepneys, pedicabs, [illegible]); portraits and nudes; musicians and ballerinas; ink-wash paintings and drawings; the [illegible] collection; and the artist's last painting.

Olmedo (1937-1996) is a critically acclaimed figurative expressionist who may be considered a truly Filipino artist, having made a significant contribution toward forging a national identity for our people through his art.

His view of mankind was all-encompassing. It includes the man on the street struggling to eke out a living, all the way up to the elite sectors of society.

Olmedo's paintings were soul portraits of the common man, inspired by the real-life characters he met in the district of Sampaloc, where he lived, as well as in Ermita, which was his favorite watering hole. These

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"UNTITLED," from Dr. Jaime C. Laya's collection

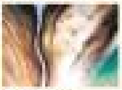
Visual Arts

Yap-Santos, Espiritu at Blanc

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De Guzman at Serendra



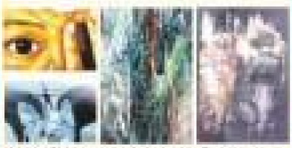
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Farewell exhibit

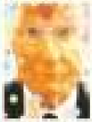
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Five exhibits



Ruiz, Gonzales, Valenzuela at West





Sculptures at Art Informal

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Lascanos thread the flow of *life*

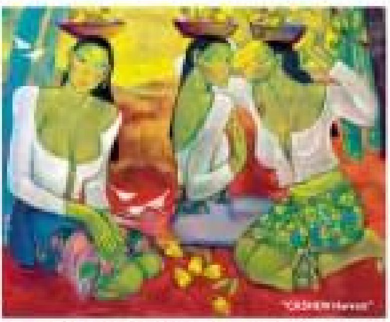
THE COMMUNAL GROUND of natural observation, aesthetic simplification and emotional delineation upon which both Rito and Chacha Lascano thrive as partners in art, continues in the exhibition titled "Mga Tilamsik ng Diwa at Barong Tagalog" (Reflections on the Barong Tagalog).



Painter and poet use the barong as leitmotif



Lydia Velasco's art of the total w





"FLOWER Ladies"

The world of Onib Olmedo



Lonely, alienated

Impact and influence





"MGA TILAMSIK ng Diwa at Barong Tagalog" 7

Eco-fable art



woman



"FRUIT Harvest"



Meet the Biggest Losers in Town



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Have a Sparkling Christmas Fairytale Holiday with Your Family at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort!

Once a year, in a magical kingdom not so far away, fantasy comes alive against an enchanted background full of royal splendor. The upcoming Yuletide season is welcomed with a bang as new attractions and shows add to the Park's enchanting atmosphere. Starting **November 28, 2008 until January 2, 2009**, be enthralled by the majesty of the Royal Christmas Ball, delight when you visit Mickey as he opens his House for Christmas, be dazzled by the spectacular Sparkling Castle Lights, sip hot chocolate as you revel in a white Christmas in Main Street U.S.A., and much, much more! It is indeed the most wonderful time of the year only here at Hong Kong Disneyland!



Fairytale Dreams at the Royal Christmas Ball



Relive a classic fairytale as Princess Aurora invites her friends to a Royal Christmas Ball to celebrate the festivities of the season. This all-new, glittering stage show at Sleeping Beauty Castle welcomes you as its royal guest. Behold a Disney royal pageantry of your favorite Characters and be amazed as court dancers donning luxurious costumes perform in musical grandeur. Each evening, the majestic ball ends with a dazzle as Sleeping Beauty's curse magically transforms Sleeping Beauty Castle to sparkle magnificently like thousands of shimmering diamonds.



Make a Visit to Mickey's Christmas House

Mickey Mouse has spent weeks adorning his home with festive decorations as he prepares to open the door for you during the holidays. Have fun exploring his charming home, meeting Mickey Mouse himself and taking a photo with him.



Enjoy a Winter Wonderland on Main Street U.S.A.

Stroll down Main Street U.S.A. and immerse yourself in a picturesque Christmas, from the frozen garlands, icicles and gently-falling snowflakes around you to the beautifully decorated Christmas Tree in Town Square. Meet Santa, drink a hot cup of cocoa or listen to carolers sing for a truly magical Christmas experience.



Dance Along at the "Let It Snow" Christmas Parade

Back by popular demand, this high-energy parade brings Yuletide cheer like no other. Join in the merriment as hundreds of dancers perform in a glittering procession. Get ready for unexpected weather as we have word that snow is forecasted throughout the show!

Christmas Will Look Even More Beautiful

Transform your vision of Christmas with the special "Hologram Viewer." Put the viewers on to see a special Christmas image when you view the Sparkling Castle Lights, lighting décor throughout the Park and even the fireworks display. What exactly is this image? Come on over and find out for yourself!





Eat, Drink and Be Merry!

Christmas wouldn't be complete without a festive food feast or two. Whether it's a traditional Yuletide banquet or fun food on-the-go, dining at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort will surely be a treat that will fill every holiday appetite.

Hotel Holiday Magic

Continue the Yuletide fun when you and your family return to your hotel. The Christmas spirit is all around, from the decorated lobbies and splendid Christmas trees to live bands playing traditional songs. Have your cameras ready for memorable moments of the holidays. And your children are sure to love activities like making Christmas cards and a party with a snowman!

So if it is a unique, never-before-seen kind of Christmas experience you want, then come in through the gates of the wonderful world of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort! BOOK NOW and enjoy the school holidays with your family right here. Contact your local travel agent or log on to www.hongkongdisneyland.com © Disney



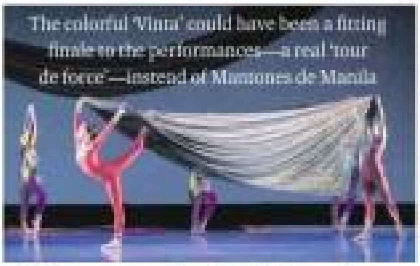


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LIFESTYLE Arts & Books





"VINTA," by Gener Caringal





Philippine Ballet Theater dances tribute to 'Tita King'

By Felicitas L. Radaic
Contributor

A RECENT TRIBUTE TO Lucrecia R. Kasilag, well-loved National Artist for Music, by the Philippine Ballet Theater (PBT) turned out to be an exercise in selective artistry, where production was concerned.

The opener, "Ang Sultan," an early Gener Caringal choreography was danced by two of PBT's youngest soloists alternating in the female lead role (Nina Vlagan and Rianne Perez). Both rose to the challenge offered by this dramatic role. (We noted that the name of Perez, the opening night soloist, had been omitted in the souvenir program.)

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Vintage piece

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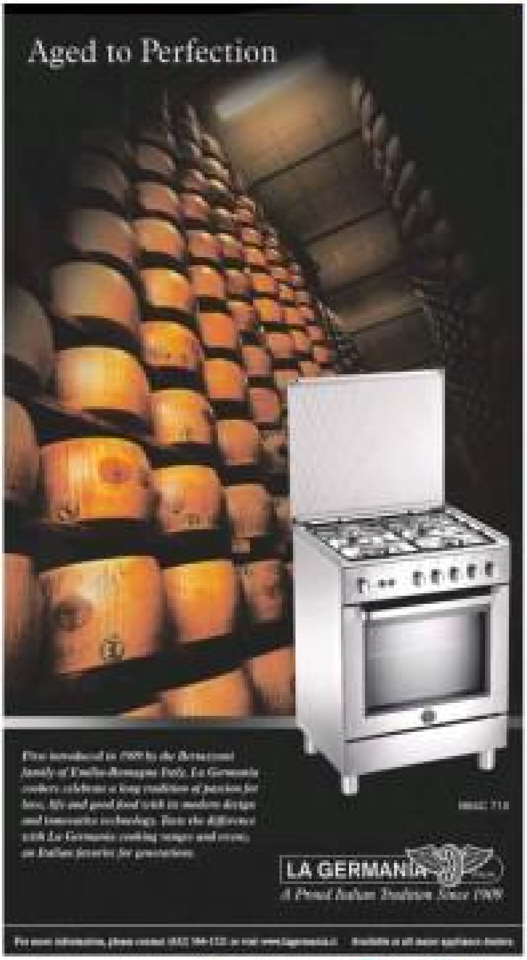
"ANG SULTAN," by Caringal

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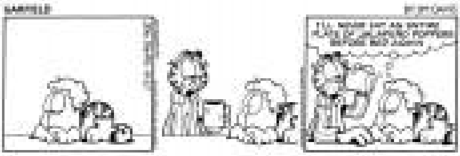


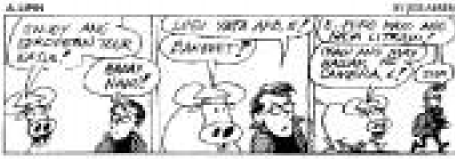
"MANTONES de Manila," by Tony Fabella





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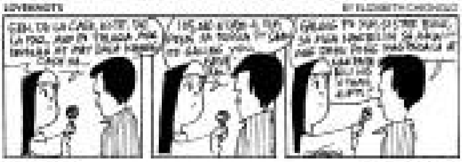


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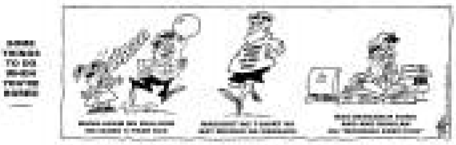
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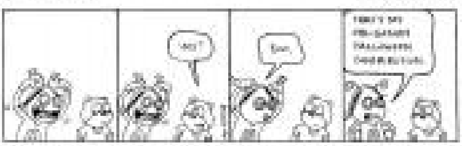
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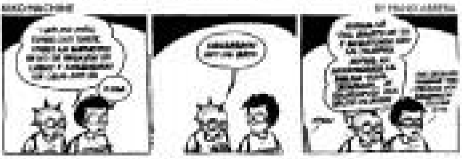


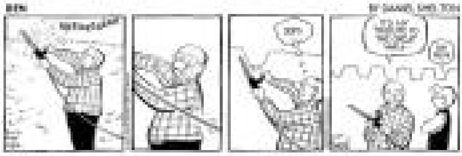
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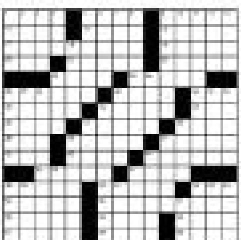


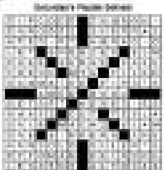






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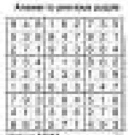
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By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU



Philippine Ballet Theater . . .

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-ographed to music by Ryan Cayabyab, is a symbolic and rather intellectual piece, recalling the assassination of Ninoy Aquino, the Man in White. The work is inspired by the Catholic Mass, and the Man in White is juxtaposed with the Christ figure.

Again, this piece could have used some imaginative lighting and symbolic sets or screen projection to delineate its intent with more clarity. It, too, was abandoned in itself.

Lavish

In contrast, "Vinta," one of our favorite PBT works by Carlagal, was lavished with fantastic lighting, new drapery and new costumes (resplendent rending) that outshone the choreography.

The lead dancer, Abigail Tan, had impeccable technique, as expected; she was elegant in her detachment in this abstract work inspired by the Muslim vinta of Mindanao. Marvin Arias proved to be a secure and reliable partner.

The colorful "Vinta" could have been a fitting finale to the performance—a real "tour de force"—instead of Tony Fabella's "[illegible] de Manila."

Hispanic and romantically nostalgic, with a perky Americanized ending, it was a piece we thoroughly enjoyed. Fabella has always charmed us with his versatility and inventiveness. He is definitely one of our best and favorite choreographers. The sets were imaginative, very lavish but tasteful—transparent drapes with white [illegible] simulating delicate lace.

Still, "[illegible] de Manila" was misplaced as a finale. "Vinta" would have counterpointed those September production with more dramatic impact.

Lastly, but as importantly, we salute the Ballet Master Anatoly Panasiukov for sprucing up the dancers' technique, given the fact that they come from different schools, with uneven training, but with a love for their art. Anatoly Panasiukov is the glue that holds together this eclectic company.

Asian jazz band in Manila

JAPAN FOUNDATION IS BRINGING Asian Jazz to Manila through "Unit Asia," a musical collective of notable jazz artists from Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines in October.

Unit Asia performs in Manila on Oct. 28, 8 p.m., at the Music Museum, Greenhills, San Juan.

Unit Asia's members are [illegible] (guitar, Japan); Koh Mr. Saxman (saxophone, Thailand); Tay Cher Siang (piano, Malaysia); [illegible] (bass, Japan); and [illegible] (drums, Japan).

Although already musical heavyweights in their own right, the musicians joined to pool their talents in this unique collaboration that will have them tour five cities in Southeast Asia (Singapore, Brunei, Manila, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok) in October and November.

The tour has the support of Yamaha, Monk's Bar Bistro, Music Museum, and radio partners, [illegible] and 105.1 the Crossover.

Call 8136030-38, loc. 813-6155; email [illegible]@jfmo.org.ph; visit www.jfmo.org.ph.



UNIT Asia jazz band

Varied artists in 'Varied Palettes'

By Jerome [illegible]
Contributor

FOUR AWARD-WINNING VISUAL ARTISTS —Camille de la Rosa, Dante Hipolito, Orly Ypon, and Bernardo Mase—will hold the joint exhibit "Varied Palettes" Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at Art Center, Bldg. A, SM Megamall.

De la Rosa is a young painter whose "Philippine impressionism" is uniquely her own.

"Unlike those European impressionists whose colors are toned down because of the always-foggy atmosphere in their place, my palette is full of loud colors with tropical blends because of the strong sunlight in our country," De la Rosa explains.

At 26, De la Rosa has had 13 solo art exhibits to her name. She was influenced by her artist-father, the late Romeo de la Rosa.



'[illegible],' by Orly Ypon

Ypon is the founder of The Realist Art Painters of the Philippines (TRAPP). "Our aim is to revive realism or the traditional painting since most artists today are shifting to modern styles of art like abstract, cubism, and surrealism," he says.

Ypon has bagged two first prizes in the Art Petron competition in the last five years. He says he wants to preserve Filipino culture and tradition in his paintings. "My subjects are mostly farmers, Igorots, the fiesta festival, and market places," he explains.

"I'm always observant with nature, the atmosphere around us, and the moods and characters of people. Through that, I get so many ideas and incorporate them to my work," Ypon says.

Mase says he seeks to reinvent cubism through his "transparent paintings."

"Until now, I still continue to improve my work. I can't be called a pure cubist or transparent artist," Mase says. "The added rhythm in my lines creates an illusion of a continuous flow of movement in my paintings. That makes my work unique."

Like Ypon, Mase also wants to preserve Filipino traditions, particularly young people's respect for their elders.



'MASA,' by Ypon

"Since I'm not so good in expressing my feelings through words, art is the channel of my deep-seated emotions," Mase says.

The most senior in the group is 49-year-old Dante Hipolito, a hyper-realist painter from Cavite City.

Despite his age, he has never lost his heart as a young boy, a characteristic that's very apparent in most of his paintings, where he portrays children laughing and playing. He calls them "happy paintings."

"I know it is not the ending but at least I can inspire children and adults alike through my creations," says Hipolito.

Hipolito started reaping awards in national art competitions as early as nine years old. In 1996, he joined an international on-the-spot painting contest in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and won first prize.

He wants to devote more time to improving his art and training children who can't afford to go to art school. "I've trained out-of-school youths to paint. My two children and other students have become my assistants now," says Hipolito.

The common thing about the four artists is their shared passion for the arts that has kept them going despite the strong competition in the field. Still, they continue reinventing their works and carving their niche in the art world.



'MOTHER & Child,' by Camille de la Rosa

RHETORIC AND THEATER EDUCATORS ASSEMBLY Oct. 28-30

THE ASSOCIATION OF RHETORIC AND Theater Educators will hold its First Annual Assembly and Seminar-Workshop, in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), on Oct. 28-30. The theme is "Theater Arts: Catalyst for Social Transformation."

The dates and corresponding venues are: Oct. 28 at [illegible] in Quezon Memorial Park, Elliptical Road, Quezon City; Oct. 29 and 30 at the [illegible] Hostel, Polytechnic University of the Philippines on Valencia St., Sta. Mesa, Manila. All activities start at 8 a.m.

On Day 1, Undersecretary Dr. Vilma L. Labrador, NCCA chair, will speak on "Cultural Education in the Country." Presidential Adviser for Culture and NCCA Executive Director Cecilia Guidote-Alvarez will deliver "Theater Arts: Catalysts for Social Transformation," while Ambassador and UNESCO Commissioner Preciosa S. Soliven will speak on "UN Millennium Development Goals."

Day 2: Dr. Ricky G. Abad, head of the Theater Department of Ateneo de Manila University, will speak on "Theater Arts: Tool in the Formatting of Filipino Character." Following Dr. Abad's piece are the presentations of Dr. [illegible], Philippine Normal University Humanities Professor, on "Effective Education and Value Formation for Children."

[illegible] Manager of ABS-CBN, will present "Theater As Origin of Film and Television."

Day 3: CHED Commissioner Dr. [illegible] will speak on "Government Support for Theater Education." There will be workshops during the Conference.

For more information, contact [illegible], e-mail [illegible], or visit http://www.pup.edu.ph.

LIFESTYLE Arts & Books



Living heritage in Kathmandu

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon

THREE INDEPENDENT ROYAL city-states once stood next to each other in Kathmandu Valley.

After the unification of Nepal in the late 18th century, the former royal cities of Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Patan evolved into distinct centers within sprawling, modern-faced Kathmandu, capital of present-day Nepal.

Each of the three historic centers strongly reflects its individual heritage within the diverse mix of Hindu and Buddhist culture in present-day Nepal. But they were inscribed on the Unesco World Heritage List in 1979 as the monuments of "Kathmandu Valley."

Kathmandu Valley is no commemoration of past memories. The former historic royal centers are not simply monuments. They are very much alive, still heavily used by the local community for everyday activities, functioning in the same manner today as in centuries past.

LIVING HERITAGE E2

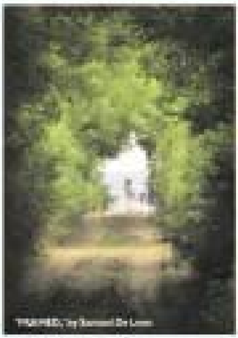












'PAUHILS,' by Samuel De Leon

Epson PRO artists launched; p

By Duzza R. Matila
Contributor

IT A PICTURE IS WORTH A thousand words, would printing it on a 64-inch-wide large format printer increase its worth to a million?

With the Epson Stylus Pro 11880, Epson Philippines Corporation (EPC) has set the standard once again in large format pro graphics.

Launched recently at Mardinos in Greenbelt, Makati, the Epson Stylus Pro 11880 is made for professionals in the photography, fine art and proofing markets with its high-resolution printing without compromising print scale and media versatility.

Engineered with Epson's leading core technologies, the Stylus Pro 11880 includes Epson's latest Micro Piezo Thin Film Piezo (TFP) print head that fulfills all the requirements—quality, durability and speed of a professional printer.

The nozzle density has doubled from 180 to 360 dpi for each color, the world's highest for an inkjet printhead using piezoelectric technology, resulting in a faster printout for increased production speed.

The Stylus Pro 11880 also has an eight-color inkset that features Epson's renowned formulation of UltraChrome K3 ink with Vivid Magenta, which significantly widens the color gamut and enables superb gray balance and precise color without any color cast.

It likewise incorporates nine 700 ml high-capacity individual ink cartridges, with automatic switching between photo and matte black inks, with ink status LEDs for each cartridge.

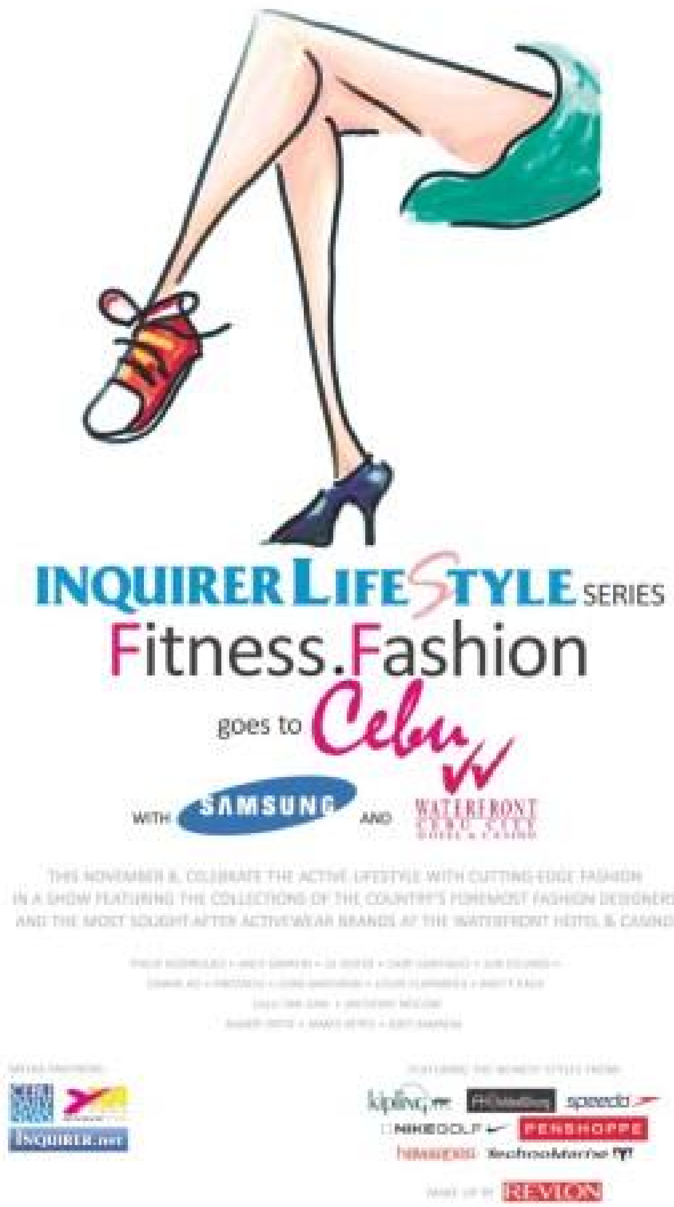
The new Gigabit Ethernet interface delivers fast data transfer speeds, together with the onboard data processing module. A new screening algorithm, Epson's Super Halftone technology, enhances all the more the image's tone and definition.

According to James Lim, business development manager of Epson Singapore, the Stylus Pro 11880 also prints photos that do not only any color. It's also environment-friendly.

To show just what all these new technologies bring to the table, Epson printed a photograph by one of the country's top photographers, George Tapan. A large format reproduction of a fiesta scene had been printed by the end of the launch.

The reproduction, along with those of seven other of the country's premiere photographers and graphic artists—Dominic, Boy Pineda, George Tapan, Jan de Leon, Quincy Castillo, Pam Agoncillo, Dave Garupan and Robert Alejandro—will be featured during "Epson PRO," an exhibit at the Alliance Total Gallery of the Alliance Française de Manila (209 Nicanor Garcia Street, Bel-Air 2, Makati), opening Oct. 29.

During the launch, Epson will also hold a charity sale of the works by the Epson PRO artists.





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Living herit

Community center



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...photo contest winners known

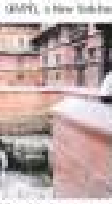


Top 30 entries



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Alive



Lecture on family heritage

Lighting up the Future Today

Meralco brightens homes and children's tomorrows









'MASTERING Composition with Your Digital SLR'

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ARCHITECTURE Now!

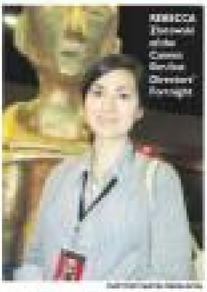
Literary marvels in art and design from National Book Store



ENTERTAINMENT

'X' rating 'too harsh'

Cannes representative is shocked by censorship but awed by Pinoy talent



No audience in RP

CHEER FACTOR

'Himala' in CNN film poll

CINEMA ACCESS: 635-5555

MOVIEWORLD

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMA MOVIE GUIDE

GALLERIA

1 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
2 MAX PAYNE
3 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
4 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
5 NIGHTS in RODANTHE
6 EAGLE EYE / BODY of LIES
7 LIVING HELL
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9 THE CHANTING 2
10 TROPIC THUNDER / THE STRANGERS

ERMITA

1 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
2 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
3 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
4 NIGHTS in RODANTHE
5 MAX PAYNE
6 RESERVED
7 RESERVED
8 LIVING HELL
9 THE STRANGERS / THE CHANTING 2

METRO EAST

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1 RESERVED
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MOVIEWORLD



STA. ROSA

1 MAX PAYNE
2 THE SISTERHOOD of the TRAVELLING PANTS 2
3 IGOR
4 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3

LIPA

1 BODY OF LIES
2 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
3 THREE KINGDOMS
4 MUTANT CHRONICLES

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1 BURIED ALIVE
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4 MAX PAYNE

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2 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE
3 MAX PAYNE
4 BURIED ALIVE

ANGELES

1 MAX PAYNE
2 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
3 BURIED ALIVE
4 MIRRORS

STARMILLS

1 MIRRORS
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5 MAX PAYNE
6 EAGLE EYE

BACOLOD

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SM CINEMA movietime



METRO MANILA

RESERVED SEATS NOW AVAILABLE

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SUPERMAN RETURNS P250

THE PODIUM
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR
LATE SCREENINGS

CINEMA 1
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
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LUZON

SOON TO OPEN

VISAYAS - MINDANAO

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED IN ALL SM CINEMA BRANCHES

Imagination meets animation in five-day festival





Vanness Wu to voice Animax film

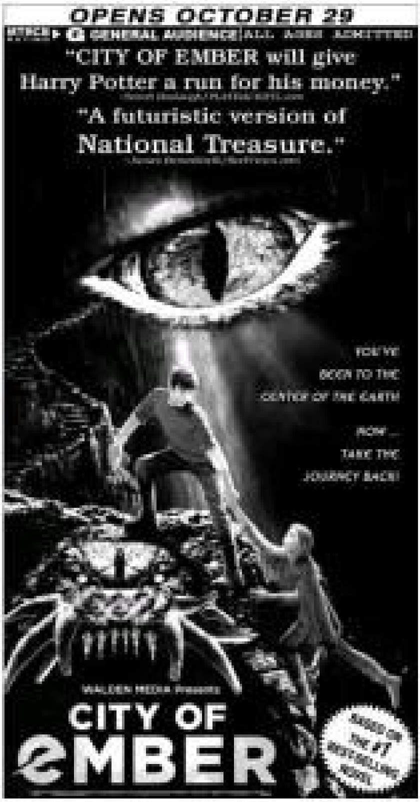




Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards



MICHAEL V



'Himala' in CNN film poll





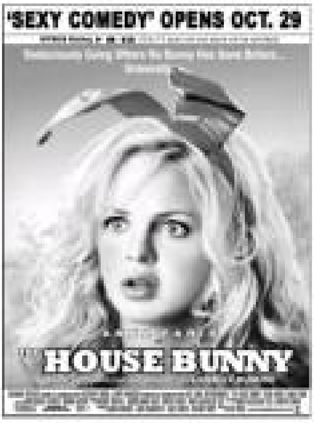
Ghost videos and photos

ANTHONY TABERNA TALKS TO EXPERTS on how to detect fake ghost videos or photos in ABS-CBN's new current affairs program "Bitag." Also featured is Barangay Kalawang in Pampanga where residents make a living out of coffin-making. [illegible] "Bottle."

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AT THE CINEMAS

Cinema				
GLORIETTA 1	1 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	2 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	3 CHANTING 2	4 MAX PAYNE
GLORIETTA 4	1 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	2 MAX PAYNE	3 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	
	4 TROPIC THUNDER	5 LIVING HELL	6 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	7 THE STRANGERS
GREENBELT 1	1 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	2 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3		
GREENBELT 3	1 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	2 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3		
	3 PINEAPPLE EXPRESS	4 TROPIC THUNDER	5 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	2 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3		
	3 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	4 MAX PAYNE	5 LIVING HELL	
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	2 TROPIC THUNDER	3 [illegible]	4 DISASTER MOVIE
MARKET! MARKET!	1 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	2 LIVING HELL		
	3 CHANTING 2	4 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	5 MAX PAYNE	
TRINOMA	1 TROPIC THUNDER	2 CHANTING 2	3 MAX PAYNE	4 LIVING HELL
	5 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	6 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	7 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3	

AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	HALLOWEEN KIDDTERS October 31, Glorietta Activity Center
Greenbelt	SHOPPING SPREE AT GREENBELT! [illegible]
Alabang Town Center	TOWN CHEERS: A Cheering Competition October 25 & 26, Activity Center
Ayala Center Cebu	THINK PINK! MEMORABILIA EXHIBIT
Market! Market!	HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL October 31, Activity Center
Cinemalaya	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	[illegible] HALLOWEEN TREATS at TRINOMA





Chilling thought

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

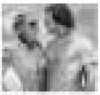
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'Choreographed' moves



Shia LaBeouf (left) and Michelle Monaghan in "Eagle Eye"

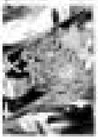
Treasure hunt in 'Fool's Gold'



NOW ON DISC

'Marimar,' 'Dyesebel'

'Speed Racer'



Dong and K: The real score

New studios

Halloween party

Gary at 25

New image model

Jon Santos back, still at it





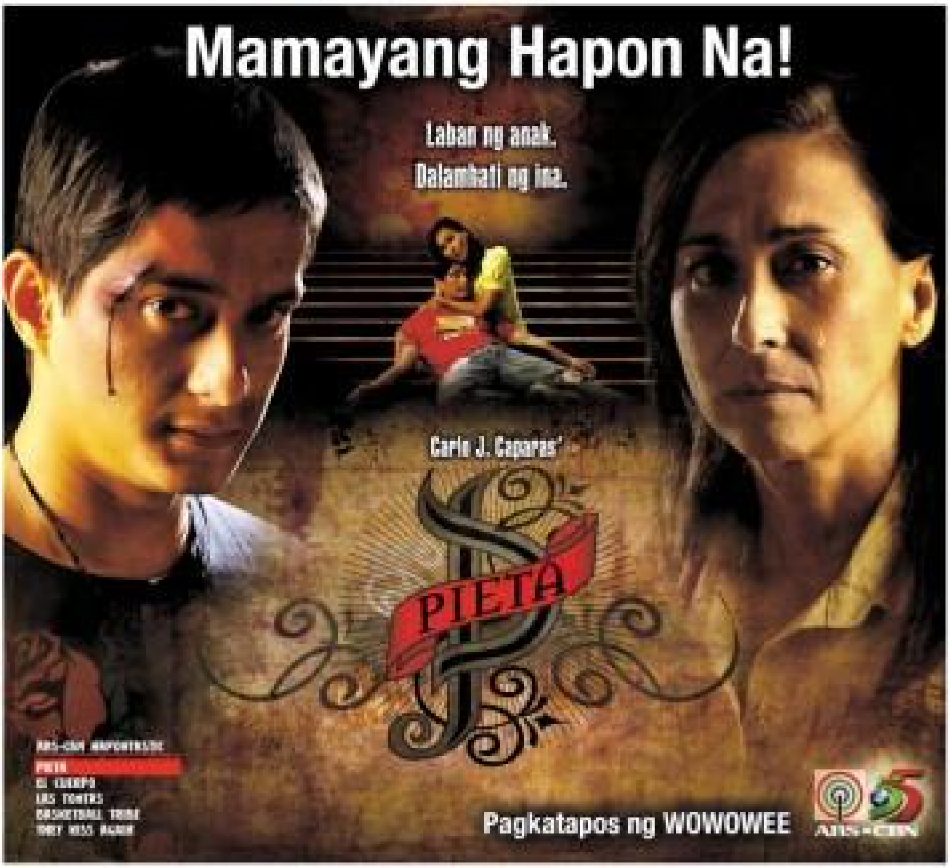
Dong and K: The real score

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal





LEARNING

Parenting blues in Eureka! / G3

Last chapter in Frannie's under the sea adventure / G4



EDUCATION Secretary Jesli Lapus checks out how kids brush their teeth.

Brighter smiles for public school children



"ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!" Students prepare for a "brush-off."

By Jerry E. Esplanada

OVER 95 PERCENT of first graders and nearly 80 percent of ninth grade students in the nation's public schools suffer from tooth decay.

Zero cavities



STUDENTS joyfully raise their brushes after completing the 7 o'clock habit.

Alarming



UP Los Baños constructs 'wonder building'

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE Philippines Los Baños College of Economics and Management (CEM) will soon prove that a building can be both environmentally friendly and urban with the new Planet Economic Development and Renewable Energy Center (Red Pen). The edifice is being called a "wonder building" because of its energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly features. A first-of-its-kind in Laguna, the building is a project of Sen. Miguel Zubiri, who will donate P15 million from his Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF). The Red Pen will use solar energy for lighting, while maximizing the use of natural light and ventilation. Water will come mainly from the rainwater collector system. The artist's perspective of the building was presented recently to UPLB Chancellor Luis Rey Velasco, CEM dean Liborio Cabanilla, College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology dean Victor Ella, College of Agriculture dean Candido Adalla, and Dr. Cecilio Arboleda of the UPLB Foundation Inc. The building, expected to be completed in 2009, will have a modern-tropical design. It will have a library, 300-seat auditorium, and offices. Sections of the exterior walls will display works by UP artists.

St. Jude celebrates 40th anniversary

ST. JUDE COLLEGE celebrates its Foundation Day and Ruby Jubilee on Oct. 28, feast day of St. Jude Thaddeus. The college, founded in 1968, started the celebration with a nine-day novena and a televised Thanksgiving Mass and procession. Highlight of the event is the awarding of excellent employees. Dr. Emmanuel Y. Angeles, chair of the Commission on Higher Education, will deliver an inspirational talk, while Dr. Evangeline A. del Rosario, St. Jude president and chief executive officer, will give the Ruby Anniversary message. In November, the St. Jude Fun Run will be held followed by Thanksgiving events in December. During the recent Grand Alumni Homecoming, the college launched the Alumni Legacy Fund.

JRU chief librarian in California conference


GARCIA

LORETO GARCIA, CHIEF librarian of the Jose Rizal University, attended the recent annual conference of the American Library Association and learned about new developments in library science and information technology. Garcia also established networks with information professionals who could assist and support JRU's growing research needs. She is expected to submit recommendations on how to improve information access, collection utilization and overall management of the different libraries in JRU. The California conference was attended by more than 1,000 delegates from 35 different countries. Ron Reagan, son of the late United States President Ronald Reagan, was the keynote speaker.

UST's Varsitarian holds fiction workshop

THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO Tomas (UST) hosted recently the Fourth Ustetika Palihang Pampanitikan para sa Katha. Organized by the Varsitarian, official student publication of the university, the workshop aimed to improve the quality of fiction works by Thomasians. Panelists for fiction included Vicente Groyon, Rosario Cruz-Lucero and Ma. Francezca Therese Kwan. Katha panelists were Abdon Balde Jr., Eros Atalia and Jun Cruz Reyes. They stressed that writers should write about things they know. They also pointed out the need for a writer to be thoroughly familiar with the language he/she would use. But the panelists encouraged aspiring writers to continue what they had already begun.

Miriam offers flexible program for adults

MIRIAM COLLEGE has launched its Professional Program for the 2008-2009 second semester. The program is designed for qualified adults who like to get their undergraduate diploma or earn a second degree but cannot attend regular classes due to certain constraints. It will enable our clients to balance schooling and other responsibilities. Five degree programs are initially offered: AB Communication Arts, BS Entrepreneurship, BS Social Work, AB Psychology, and BS Environmental Planning and Management. The program is open to adults, at least 22 years old, and are high school graduates or have passed the Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency Test, Secondary Level (formerly Philippine Educational Placement) or have earned units in college. Call the College Registrar at 580-5400 loc. 3008 or through e-mail at: direct@mc.edu.ph.



UB's PRIDE. The Teatro Aristo, official theater group of the University of Batangas High School Department, bagged the championship in the recent Sabayang Pagbigkas sa Filipino. The competition, sponsored by KaraSADS of the University of the Philippines Alliance of DevCom Students, was held at the UP Los Baños.

Pasig Paulinians win medals in math olympiad

THE PHILIPPINE SENATE HAS commended three Filipino students who won in the 2008 China Girls Mathematical Olympiad in Zhong Sen, Guangdong, China. In Resolution No. 100, the Senate said Geraldine Baniqued (silver medalist), and Angeline Bantayan and Stephanie Anne Oliveros (bronze medalists) gave "honor, recognition and goodwill to our country." The girls were part of the six-member Philippine team that competed against China, the United States, Russia, Hong Kong, and Macau. Senate President Manny Villar said the girls "continue to show that Filipinos can also be excellent in math like their counterparts in other countries…" The Olympiad girls are high school students at St. Paul College, Pasig, located near the Ortigas business and commercial district. For inquiries, please call 631-1600 or 631-1620.

AdU's 3 Amorsolo works on display

MASTERPIECES BY NATIONAL Artist Fernando C. Amorsolo will be featured in a retrospective, "His Art, Our Heart," ongoing until January in leading Manila galleries and museums. Adamson University's three Amorsolo paintings donated by the late Sofia Adamson were loaned to the Metropolitan Museum and the National Museum for the exhibition. At the Met until Jan. 17 are "Fruit Harvesting" and "Sunset over Malabon Fish Ponds." "Portrait of Sofia Adamson" will be at the National Museum until Jan. 15. On Nov. 24, AdU will present "Himig ng Bayang Mamil, Isang Pagpupugay" that will feature, among others, a lecture on Amorsolo. Other participating museums are the University of the Philippines Diliman Vargas Museum, until Nov. 10; Lopez Museum, until April 4; Yuchengco Museum, until Jan. 17; GSIS Museum, until Dec. 30; and Ayala Museum, until March 8. Call 869-8? or e-mail info@amorsolo.com or visit the website www.amorsoloart.com.

CEU students top tourism contests

FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF the Centro Escolar University's School of Nutrition and Hospitality Management, Tourism attended the 3rd Annual Tourism Students' Congress of the Union of Filipino Tourism Educators (Ufte) in Dinagat City. The congress, organized by the former Tourism Educators of Schools, Colleges and Universities (Tesco) and held at the city's Convention Center, had the theme "Tourism: Global Trends and Challenges." CEU tourism students were named overall champion in the skills competition. Jon Pabugayan was first in the Quiz Bee while Crystal Alexis Abo topped the Tour Guiding competition. Other winners were: Maria Ana Joy Cabuco and Lovely Claire Bauan in Tour Package Proposal; Vanessa Oning and Mohammad Rasman (Poster Making and Slogan); and Lalee Rose Taneza, Daryl Ann del Rosario, Kaiane Cabanban (Jingle/song; Mariane Jorge, Jose Rodolfo, Fruela Isabel Reyes, Rich Jocson, Trebol and Angel Eleazar Bravo (Cultural Presentation).



POLIDARPOY with dean Cecilia C. Umali of CEU's School of Nutrition and Hospitality Management, Tesco founder Dr. Zenaida L. Cruz, Ufte president Dr. Marlina J. Ampuan, and CEU tourism program coordinator Janeth V. Que

ACSAT e-Services now operates eight branches

ACSAT E-SERVICES has opened eight more branches in addition to the main office opened in 2004 in ACSAT Center, Quezon City. Registering a hiring rate of about 70 percent, it remains committed to the vision of founder Constancio B. Tan to reproduce "skills and values-oriented educational institution committed to help in the nation's development through education using world-class standards." Branches are in Baliwag, Marikina City, Bulacan, Bataan, the cities of Caloocan, Tagaytay, de Oro, Cabuyao and Dasmariñas, Antipolo and Novaliches, Quezon City. Franchises are in Mandaluyong and Manila, Calamba, Laguna, San Fernando, Pampanga, Sto. Niño, Bulacan and Sorsogon City.

UM signs training agreement with PLDT

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO (UM) and the Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT) Company are collaborating in a program that will enhance the knowledge and skills of students of technical courses. Dr. Guillermo P. Torres Jr., UM president, said the school wanted to give students the most practical knowledge and employable skills in electronics, electrical, computer and information technologies not just through formal classroom instruction but through hands-on training in the industry. PLDT will accept as interns students who want to try applying in actual circumstances what they learned in school. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed by Torres and Emeliano R. Sanchez, PLDT first vice president for human resource management and development. Present at the signing were UM's Marlyn A. M Lapitan, Maria Jullieta R. Torres, Williedo B. Yap, and Gerardo J. Salas; and PLDT's Leandro L. Real, Benjamin P. Sadio and Antonio dela Cruz.



UM PRESIDENT Torres Jr. and PLDT first vice president Sanchez seal their new partnership with a handshake.

Playgrounds for the Mind

EUREKA! *Queena N. Lee-Chua*



Dare to say no, dare to be a parent



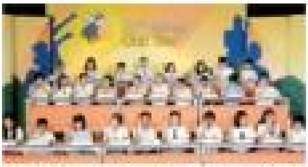
Permissive parenting

Set limits

UP Tarlac holds grand reunion on Dec. 14

Puzzle to benefit 100 Muntinlupa school kids

Quiz Bee regional finals set



UA&P sister school is No. 2 in MBA program



64 scholars graduate from 6-month course

In-school feeding program aims to help improve class attendance

New scholarship program launched

School fitness program enters fourth year



Frannie Learns a Lesson

Chapter 8: School is cool

FRANNIE STARED at her test paper for a few more minutes before she began. She skimmed over the 15 questions. She didn't know one single answer.

This is the final chapter of 'Frannie Learns a Lesson.' Let us know what you learned from Frannie! We'd love to hear from you



ACTIVITY GUIDE

To do and think about

Using the newspaper

REAL LIFE & VALUES

Honesty

A special last activity: Become an author

Add a chapter to Frannie's adventure

Contest mechanics

Last chance to win a Flik Flak watch

